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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: HB 4762 and 4763

Mr Chair and members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee,

I am writing you this evening in opposition to HB 4762 and HB 4763 which would add Michigan to the 26 state which currently allow the use of Red Light Cameras for the purpose of issuing traffic fines. While billed as a public safety issue, the reality is that these cameras are nothing more than a thinly disguised grab at what might be considered easy revenue. As a County Commissioner in rural Hillsdale County I see regularly the burden already placed upon our residents from state mandated fees for violating traffic ordinances. In speaking with my constituents, I have not received a single positive response to the proposal to allow these devices in Michigan. In addition, these cameras will remove the discretion currently afforded Michigan police officers in regard to when a citation is warranted and when a warning instead might do to correct a behavior.

I would urge you to vote NO on both these Bills and not move them from the committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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